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DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1965

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Medical Officer of Health

Health Department,  
Brook House,  
Dover.



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To 1st June, 1965.

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Health Department,  
Brook House,  
Dover.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Dover acting as  
the Port Health Authority of the Port of Dover:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Port  
Health Authority for the year 1965.

The Report is prepared in the revised form adopted for each quinquennial  
period as instructed by the Ministry of Health.

The state of health and hygiene of vessels entering the port and the super-  
vision of all imported foodstuffs continued to receive close attention throughout  
the year.

The amount of shipping using the port showed the usual trend of a progressive  
increase each year with a corresponding increase in the volume of passengers and  
cargo traffic.

Nearly two million passengers disembarked during the year; over 500,000 being  
aliens and some 75,000, Commonwealth citizens.

While the number of alien and Commonwealth arrivals increased the numbers  
referred for medical examination in both groups were fewer. This is explained  
by the present system of control and means fewer alien wage-earners entering and  
a greater proportion of Commonwealth arrivals either dependants or others who  
are exempt.

Among the infectious diseases landed during the year was one case of Q Fever  
originally suspected as a case of enteric fever. This occurred in a crew member  
of a ship from Turkey.

Foodcargoes landed amounted to well over 100,000 tons of which some 37 tons  
were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

I have to thank H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities and all other  
Departments associated with the work of the Port Health Authority for their  
co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.F. LYNCH  
Medical Officer of Health

8th March, 1966



# SECTION I

## Officers and Staff

Clerk to the Authority

James A. Johnson

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments Held
Dr. C.F. Lynch	Medical Officer of Health and Medical Inspector of Aliens	1st July, 1948	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.,	Medical Officer of Health Borough of Dover Borough of Deal Dover Rural District Elham Rural District Medical Officer, Infectious Diseases Hospital, Dover.
Dr. J.A. Byrne	Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Medical Inspector of Aliens	9th July, 1962	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health. As above.
Mrs. V.R. Craft	Port and Aliens Nurse	3rd June, 1957	S.R.N.	
Mr. B.C. Middlebrook	Senior Port Health and Food Inspector	1st February, 1956	Cert. S.I.J.B. : Cert. Meat and Food Inspection	Senior Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover.
Mr. P.A. Slater	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st February, 1953	Cert. S.I.J.B. : Cert. Meat and Food Inspection	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover.
Mr. V.E. Carr	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st February, 1956	Cert. S.I.J.B. :	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover.
Mr. J.D. Morritt	Port Health and Food Inspector	1st January, 1965	Cert. P.H.I.E.B. : Cert. Meat and Food Inspection	District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Dover.



SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	8,363	9,103,069	14	236	22
Coastwise	534	284,074	-	20	-
Total	8,897	9,387,143	14*	256	22

\*Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC .....	(Number of Passengers INWARDS 1,912,953 (Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 1,971,834
CARGO TRAFFIC .....	(Principal IMPORTS General merchandise, wines, foodstuffs, coal and timber. (Principal EXPORTS Cars and general merchandise.
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which Ships arrive:	South and West African; South American; European; Iberian; Scandinavian and Baltic.



SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY1. (a) Source of supply for the District:

Dover Corporation mains and Mid Kent Water Company mains.

(b) Source of supply for Shipping:

Dover Corporation mains and Mid Kent Water Company mains.

There is also a supply for cross-channel shipping at the Admiralty Pier piped from British Railways' private well at Dover Priory Goods yard.

2. Reports of tests for contamination:

Water derived from mains is as supplied in Borough and regular monthly samples are taken from these supplies to the Dock Area by the Health Department for bacteriological examination; bacteriological and chemical examinations are carried out regularly by both undertakings and the results supplied to the Medical Officer of Health. The British Railways' supply has also been kept under observation and has been reported satisfactory bacteriologically: samples taken regularly by British Transport Commission from vessels on cross-channel service and results communicated to Medical Officer of Health.

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hoses:

Modern type hydrants on dock side. Inspection from time to time by Health Department to ensure cleanliness and serviceable condition of equipment. Also check samples of water from point of delivery to shipping. Twelve samples were submitted from hydrants etc. during the year and all were reported highly satisfactory.

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority:

Nil waterboats.

SECTION VIPUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 19521. List of Infected Areas: (Regulation 6)

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons:

The list, amended weekly from reports received from the World Health Organisation, is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health and circulated weekly to H.M. Customs, the Pilot Services and the local Shipping Agents.

2. Radio Messages:

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district: (Regulation 13)

No arrangements other than as described under 2(b).

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon: (Regulation 14(1)(a) and (2))

Radio messages from ships received by North Foreland and Niteon Radio Stations and, if from vessels requiring special attention, the messages are normally transmitted by telephone direct to the Port Medical Officer who takes whatever action is appropriate to the circumstances, the Customs and Immigration Authorities being notified as required.

3. Notification otherwise than by Radio: (Regulation 14(1)(b))

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and acting thereon:

Close liaison maintained between the Port Medical Officer, Shipping Agents and H.M. Customs and provision made for an inter-change of all information received regarding the arrival of ships from abroad and for co-ordinated action as required.

4. Mooring Stations: (Regulations 22 to 30)

Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations:

(a) For ships "infected" or "suspected" as defined in Article 3 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952, made by the Minister of Health.

The OUTER HARBOUR, inside the Breakwater.

(b) For all other ships which may be unhealthy within the meaning of the aforesaid Regulations:

Their place of mooring, discharge or loading.

The following Standing Direction giving exemption in certain cases from the requirements of Article 24 of the Regulations was adopted on the 13th July, 1953:-

"Ships from infected areas reported otherwise All Clear, both during the voyage and on arrival, may proceed to their ordinary place of mooring, discharge or loading and be granted Pratique in modified form, the Port Medical Officer being informed as soon as possible."

5. Arrangements for:-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox - See Section VII).

Infectious Diseases Hospital,  
Noahs Ark Road,  
Dover.

(under control of South East Kent Hospital Management Committee)

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts:

Surveillance of contacts in case of the quarantinable diseases conducted from the Health Department within its area of jurisdiction; otherwise necessary follow-up is arranged through Health Authority at place to which contact is proceeding. Contacts in the case of non-quarantinable epidemic diseases are dealt with as found necessary having regard to the particular diseases involved.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles:

Infected quarters disinfected with formalin spray or fumigated as required.

Bedding and clothing removed to local Hospital for steam disinfection.

Cleansing station at local Infectious Diseases Hospital.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

The River Hospitals,  
(Long Reach)  
DARTFORD,  
Kent.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

Ambulance of Canterbury City Council available on request.

Special ambulance crew provided by the same authority.

3. Name of smallpox consultant available:

Medical Officer,  
The River Hospitals,  
(Long Reach),  
DARTFORD,  
Kent.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis for smallpox:

Central Public Health Laboratory,  
Colindale Avenue,  
Colindale,  
LONDON N.W.9.

#### SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including inpatient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen:

Special Clinic, Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.

Tuesday and Thursday of each week at 10 a.m. (with exception of third Thursday of month).

Distribution of Leaflets per Shipping Agents, Boarding Officers and Public Health Inspectors.

Number of new patients attending from the high seas during the year-26

(13 Gonorrhea: 13 Other conditions).

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS, 1965TABLE D

CATEGORY	DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES DURING THE YEAR		NUMBER OF SHIPS CONCERNED
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from Foreign Ports	Measles	9	-	9
	Scarlet Fever	1	-	1
	Gastro-enteritis	9	-	4
	Obs. Respiratory Infection	1	-	1
	Obs. Whooping Cough	1	-	1
	Chicken Pox	1	-	1
	Obs. Pneumonia	1	-	1
	Rumps	1	-	1
	Suspected Food Poisoning	1	-	1
	Obs. Influenza	1	-	1
	Q Fever	-	1	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Cases admitted to Hospital:-

Passengers - 17

Crew - 1

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No cases of malaria occurred in vessels arriving during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No measures were necessary during 1965.

In the event of finding plague-infected rats, vessels would be boomed off and fumigation of all compartments carried out with H.C.N.



SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

Trade of port consists chiefly of cross-channel traffic, vessels of which are subjected to half-yearly routine inspections in connection with the issue of the necessary certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

Additionally, any evidence of the presence of rodents on board occurring in the interval would be immediately reported by the British Railways Authority.

Other vessels entering the port are subjected to routine inspection by the Port Health Inspectors.

Port of Dover approved and designated for the issue of both Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Although no action was necessary during 1965, any rats found on ships would be sent for necessary examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Maidstone.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

Deratting of ships would be carried out by specialist firm using Hydrogen Cyanide gas under direction of Port Health Inspectors; in view of infrequency of need for this operation, no specialist firm under contract.

Minor infestations dealt with by the Local Authority's Rodent Operator, using Warfarin mainly.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

No active measures requested during 1965. With regard to the cross-channel vessels, rat proofing of store-rooms effectively maintained. Any deficiencies found in these or other vessels would be brought to the attention of masters and owners.

TABLE ERODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Species not known	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with Plague	-

During the year the presence of rats on board ship was not reported by any arriving vessel nor discovered during the routine inspection carried out.

In only two instances were rats reported in dock premises and immediate disinfection measures were taken; both were minor brown rat infestations.

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED  
DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total	
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)				
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
-	-	-	-	-	40
					40

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Nature and number of Inspections (including re-inspections)	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices:	Other Notices:	
BRITISH VESSELS ... 60	-	-	-
FOREIGN VESSELS ...213	-	-	-
TOTAL .....273	-	-	-

Four vessels were treated during the year for cockroach infestation. On another an obstruction in the drainage system caused flooding in the Steward's quarters; after clearance of the obstruction the quarters were cleansed and disinfected under the Department's supervision.

SECTION XIV  
PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS  
1934 and 1948

No shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH  
IMMIGRANTS

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment (at 31.12.65.):

Medical Officer of Health:  
 Deputy Medical Officer of Health:  
 Dr. J. Brown:  
 Dr. P.H. Garrard:  
 Dr. J.J. Hughes:  
 Dr. W. Irvine:  
 Dr. E.T. Manley:  
 Dr. D.C. Millar:  
 Dr. P. Ronchetti:  
 Dr. A.K. Thomas:

2. List of other staff engaged on this work:

Aliens Nurse:- Mrs. V.M. Craft, S.R.N.

Relief Nurses:-

Mrs. J. Burgess (from 6.4.65.)  
 Mrs. H.F. Kelt (from 22.8.65.)  
 Miss A.E. Knott, S.R.N. (to 1.11.65.)  
 Mrs. F.H. Lamoon  
 Mrs. C.E. Tadman, S.R.N.  
 Mrs. M. Underdown (16.4.65. - 4.10.65.)

3. Organisation of work:

The work of aliens' medical inspection is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, one regular part-time Relief Medical Inspector, and by General Medical Practitioners holding Warrants of Appointment.

Nurse attendant duties are performed by the Aliens Nurse with the assistance of Relief Nurses as required.

The scheme covering the Car and Train Ferry Services whereby a medical inspector is on-call instead of making a routine attendance, has been maintained, and in latter years has necessitated an aliens inspection rota covering each 24 hours during the Summer Season.

In accordance with the wishes of the Ministry of Health the routine attendance of a trained nurse at all on-call Services has been continued as far as this has been possible.

4. (a) Nature and amount of Aliens Traffic:

Number of aliens arriving at the port and dealt with by the Medical Inspector:-

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Total Aliens:</u>	<u>Medically Examined:</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u> <u>Medically examined:</u>
1963	444,013	8,914	2.01
1964	485,933	9,710	2.00
1965	521,087	8,951	1.72



Categories in which aliens were examined:-

1. Holding Ministry of Labour Permits ... ..	7,993
2. Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom .. ..	845
3. Visitors .. ..	109
4. Business Visitors .. ..	-
5. Returning Residents .. ..	4
6. Aliens in transit .. ..	-
7. Others .. ..	-
	<u>8,951</u>

The Certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 55, 15 of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land. (4 were stated by Immigration Officer to have been refused entry solely on medical grounds).

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 0.6156% compared with 0.7415% for the year 1964.

TABLE INATIONALITIES EXAMINED AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Nationality:	Males:	Females:	Children:	Total:	No. of Certs:
France	114	130	-	244	5
Belgium	13	46	-	59	2
Holland	16	64	-	80	1
Germany	427	1258	1	1686	9
Switzerland	79	92	-	171	-
Italy	2227	405	24	2656	8
Spain: Portugal	1548	1362	2	2912	6
Austria	157	355	1	513	-
Greece	66	82	-	148	7
Yugoslavia	60	172	-	232	2
Turkey	26	11	-	37	9
Denmark	14	23	-	37	-
Sweden	10	13	-	23	-
Other	62	79	3	144	6
Stateless	3	6	-	9	-
Total	4822	4098	31	8951	55

TABLE II - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

	Total	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Certificates Issued			
			Unsound mind or mentally defective	Undesirable for medical reasons	Inability to support and/or likely to require medical treatment	Conditionally landed for further medical examination
			(A)	(B) 1	(B) 2	(C)
(a) Total number of Aliens landed at the Port	519785	8936	-	-	40	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Officer	1302	15	2(1)*	2(2)*	11(1)*	-
Total Aliens arriving	521087	8951	2	2	51	-

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector:- 1489  
 (including 76 attended by two Medical Inspectors) : Total attendances 1565

\* The figures in parenthesis indicate the number of aliens stated by the Immigration Officer to have been refused entry on medical grounds.

TABLE 3 - MONTHLY FIGURES OF ALIENS MEDICALLY EXAMINED

Month:	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks:	Total:	Certificates:
January	679	81	14	774	4
February	481	44	5	530	5
March	789	27	31	847	10
April	1210	75	42	1327	5
May	1074	68	33	1175	3
June	647	49	23	719	6
July	485	61	32	578	-
August	417	44	30	491	3
September	583	39	36	658	7
October	722	51	22	795	7
November	487	41	39	567	4
December	434	49	7	490	1
Total	8,008	629	314	8,951	55

4.(b) Nature and amount of Commonwealth Traffic:

(a) <u>Arriving Commonwealth Citizens:</u>	<u>Medically Examined:</u>	<u>% age of total medically examined:</u>	<u>Reports issued:</u>
1963 67,950	1516	2.231%	12
1964 68,313	909	1.331%	11
1965 75,636	533	0.705%	10

(b) Particulars of Reports issued:

Nature of Report	No. of Reports:	Refused Entry:
A. Suffering from mental disorder	-	-
B.(1) Undesirable for medical reasons	-	-
B.(2) Likely to require major medical treatment	10	*3

\* One of the entry refusals stated to be on purely medical grounds.

(c) Nationalities Examined:

Nationality:	Males:	Females:	Children:	Total:
Indian	151	34	6	191
Cypriot	52	23	2	77
Pakistani	19	-	-	19
West Indian	53	18	3	74
Australian	22	10	-	32
African States	8	-	-	8
Canadian	4	4	-	8
Ceylonese	26	13	-	39
Malayan	3	15	-	18
New Zealand	1	1	-	2
Mauritius	55	3	-	58
Aden	1	1	-	2
Other	3	2	-	5
Total	398	124	11	533

(d) Monthly Figures of Immigrants Medically Examined:

Month:	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks:
January	24	2	-
February	94	8	-
March	107	1	-
April	56	2	-
May	56	2	-
June	21	2	1
July	26	-	1
August	10	5	1
September	22	1	2
October	37	-	-
November	26	1	-
December	24	1	-
TOTAL	503	25	5

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

Admiralty Pier:

Inspection carried out in main Immigration Hall immediately on disembarkation. Two medical rooms with waiting rooms provided in main Hall for more detailed inspection and examination as required.

Ferry Dock:

One medical room provided in main building.

Eastern Dock:

Two medical rooms provided: accommodation now in process of being replanned.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

(Arrangement for the burial on shore of persons who have  
died from infectious disease)

Interment as soon as possible by arrangement with local Cemeteries Department. Fully equipped mortuary provided by Local Authority for use if required.



## SECTION XVII - FOOD INSPECTION

1. Act on taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported ~~Meat~~) Regulations, 1926, and the Preservatives in Food Regulations, 1958.

1346 Cargoes comprising 123,675 tons. 14 cwts. of various foodstuffs were examined during the year.

Country of Origin:	Article and weight (tons. cwts.) of foodstuffs inspected:										Peppers:
	Fruit: Vegetables:	Canned Foods:	Fish:	Tomato Products:	Flour Products:	Nuts:	Preserved Fruit & Juices:	Dairy Produce:	Confectionery:		
Spain: Portugal:	89149 0	1341 8	- -	211 16	- 10	34 -	- -	25 11	- -	33 8	
Italy:	7103 3	- -	- -	- -	5 1	89 1	- -	398 6	6 17	23 -	
Canary Isles:	12169 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 15	
France:	1930 3	- 5	- -	- -	5 0½	12 7	65 3	2359 11½	46 -	243 2	
Mediterranean:	6478 12	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
Belgium:	27 16	- -	651 17	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	
N. Africa:	438 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
Brazil	291 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
Ireland	194 10	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
Switzerland	- -	- -	- -	- -	9 16	- -	- -	2 12	256 9	- -	
E. Europe	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	44 7	- -	- -	
New Zealand	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 11	- -	- -	

Foodstuffs condemned during the year totalled:- 37 tons 14 cwts. 3 qtrs. 16 lbs. comprising

	Tons:	Cwts:	Qtrs:	Lbs:	
Spain	22	0	0	0	Potatoes
	12	18	1	12	Grapes
		2	0	9	Peaches
		1	0	12	Melons
		3	0	24	Tinned Peaches
		3	2	19	Tinned Apricots
Portugal		7	3	12	Tinned Puree
Turkey	1	14	3	7	Peaches
		3	0	26	Grapes
Belgium			2	7	Fish
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	37	14	3	16	
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The cause of the condemnation in the case of the fruit and vegetables was decomposition and in the case of the canned goods to rusting and blown tins.

2. Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937: Articles 11 and 12:

Oversea Meat and Meat Products:

Action was necessary during the year in the case of a consignment of five trucks of lard, Italian produce, which was not accompanied by the Approved Official Certificate: following the necessary representations to the importers the lard was exported.

3. Number of Samples of Food Examined By:-

(a) Bacteriologist: Nil

(b) Analyst: 18

These comprised Drained Charries (2), Cheese (3), Chocolate Confectionery (6), Canned Fruit (2), Shelled Walnuts (2), Macaroni, Butter and Dates (1 of each).

All the samples were free from arsenic, toxic metals and sulphite preservatives and were up to standard on chemical analysis. Where appropriate the samples were examined for the presence of prohibited colours and the reports were negative in each case. The canning, labelling and contents of the tinned samples were satisfactory.





